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Title of Invention: **PHYSICAL LAYER AUTO-DISCOVERY FOR MANAGEMENT OF  
NETWORK ELEMENTS**

**THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to the Examination of the above-identified application, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute for the specification of record, the attached clean form of the  
specification.